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1. WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR STAFFDEL NELSON AND HOLSTINE. IT WILL ENABLE STAFFDEL TO VISIT ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, HAVE SUNDAY FREE AND WILL NOT ENTAIL EXTENSIVE TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

1500 - COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING. REFUGEE COORDINATOR AND JCRC REP WILL ATTEND AND THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF MIA AND REFUGEE MATTERS IF REQUIRED.
1700 - VISIT AUA
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2000 - DINNER HOSTED BY EMBASSY

FRIDAY JULY 7

0700 - DEPART HOTEL FOR DON MUANG
0800 - DEPART VIA DAO PLANE FOR ARANYAPRATHET
0830 - ARRIVE WATTHANAKHON AIRFIELD. AUTO TO

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ARANYAPRATHET
0900 - CALL ON DISTRICT OFFICER
1000 --
1230 - VISIT REFUGEE CAMP (CAMBODIAN). NOTE: MORE TIME CAN BE
TAKEN AT CAMP IF DESIRED.
1230 - LUNCH
1400 - DEPART WATTHANAKHON
1430 - ARRIVE DON MUANG
1530 - ARRIVE HOTEL.

SATURDAY JULY 8

0700 - DEPART HOTEL FOR DON MUANG
0820 - DEPART FOR UDORN VIA TH 221
1010 - ARRIVE UDORN. MET BY CONSUL FINNEY. BRIEFING AT
CONSULATE.
1115 - DEPART FOR NONG KHAI BY ROAD
1200 - ARRIVE NONG KHAI. CALL ON GOVERNOR. LUNCH
1330 -
1730 - VISIT NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP (LAO AND HMONG)
1910 - OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO BANGKOK

SUNDAY JULY 9

0600 - ARRIVE BANGKOK. REMAINDER OF DAY FREE.

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MONDAY JULY 10

0700 - DEPART HOTEL FOR DON MUANG
1800 - DEPART VIA DAO PLANE FOR SONGKHLA
1000 - ARRIVE SONGKHLA. MET BY CONSUL HAYASHIDA.
1015 - CALL ON GOVERNOR.
1030 -
1300 - VISIT SONGKHLA REFUGEE CAMP (VIETNAMES BOAT CASES)
1300 - LUNCH
1400 - DEPART FOR BANGKOK
1600 - ARRIVE DON MUANG
1700 - ARRIVE HOTEL

2. BELIEVE ABOVE SCHEDULE FULLY MEETS NEEDS OF STAFFDEL
AND WILL NOT REQUIRE US TO REQUEST HELICOPTER SUPPORT
FROM RTG. AS DEP IS AWARE, WE WILL BE SEEKING USE OF
NARCOTICS HELICOPTERS FOR SUPPORT OF CODEL VISIT TO NORTHERN
THAILAND ON SATURDAY, JULY 8. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO
APPROACH RTG FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS FOR NON-NARCOTICS
RELATED TRAVEL OF STAFFDEL. ALTHOUGH RTG HAS PROVIDED HELICOPTER
SUPPORT ON OCCASION, IT NORMALLY IS IN CONNECTION WITH "LOCAL"
UP-COUNTRY TRAVEL TO ACCOMMODATE, FOR EXAMPLE, TRANSPORTATION FROM

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UDORN TO LOEI OR FROM SATTAHIP TO CHANTABURI I.E., PLACES WHERE
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CANNOT LAND, BUT HELICOPTERS HAVE NOT BEEN
REQUESTED FOR ROUNDTRIPS FROM DON MUANG. EVEN IF RTG ACQUIESCED
IN SUCH A REQUEST FOR STAFFDEL, WE FEAR IT WOULD BE TAKEN ABACK
BY OUR APPROACH.

3. AS NOTED SEPTEL, USE OF DAO PLANE ENTAILS COST OF $352 PER
FLYING HOUR OR ABOUT $1760 FOR FIVE HOURS NEEDED FOR ARANYAPRATHET
AND SONGKHLA TRIPS. ARE 19FT510 FUNDS TO BE CITED TO REIMBURSE
DAO OR WILL DOD AUTHORIZE USE?

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF STAFFDEL AGREEABLE TO SCHEDULE PROPOSED
ABOVE.
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